

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 10, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

“As shown in Figs. 3 to 5, in the case of the silicon carbide immersed in the foregoing SPM for one minute after the segregation, as compared with curved lines 31, 34, and 37 representing Fe, Ni, and Cu before the cleaning, Fe, Ni, and Cu are reduced, as shown by arrows 33, 36, and 39 in Figs. 3 to 5, even at the curve center portion where the segregation amounts are large, so as to be substantially equal to the amounts in the other regions after the cleaning as shown by curved lines 32, 35, and 38 representing Fe, Ni, and Cu after the cleaning. This demonstrates the large effect of the cleaning method according to this invention.”